

DEAR EDITOR....

ROBBED

Editor
Torrance Press

You seem to be pretty good at airing any gripes that people have about things that aren't going right in the city and, I have one I think should get plenty of attention by both papers.

Last Monday night between 8:10 and 9 p.m. our home was robbed of \$68. This money was to make a car payment with and it was the only time any

money had been left in the house. My wife and I have worked hard together to get a decent home and provide the necessities that are in it and this money meant a lot to us.

My big complaint is that in a city of this size we have only 40 policemen! Dividing them up into three shifts leaves us the protection of about 13 policemen at all times! Never once have I seen a patrol car cruising our tract, yet this is about the sixth or seventh rob-

bery in this same tract in about two weeks!

A front window was broken into, even though the porch light was left on. The house had evidently been watched closely as the minute my wife left, they came in. The job was done in a very short time. These robberies keep occurring, no one is caught and they will certainly continue as long as we have only 13 policemen on duty in the whole city at a time! They know there is not much chance of getting caught.

Two footprints were found under the front window and covered with boxes to keep them intact. Did someone come out right away and examine them? No! Until noon today, so far, no one has shown up

to look at them. With a neighborhood full of small children, it will be quite a surprise if they are still there a week from now or whenever they decided to get around to looking at them!

It certainly is terrifically hard on us to be robbed of this badly needed money, but if the guilty ones could be caught it would at least save others from being the victims in the future. They certainly will be with no police around to watch!

We hope that you can print something in the paper about this. If the people do not get going and insist on adequate police protection, how are we going to get it?

Sincerely,
(signed) William D. Truair.

OUT-OF-TOWN SOLICITORS

The advent of warmer weather and longer working hours are bringing swarms of out-of-town solicitors into the new housing developments of Torrance with glib pitches for everything from home freezers to magic paints.

To check this swarm of household pests, the Chamber of Commerce recommends that citizens demand to see the Torrance City business license or Chamber of Commerce clearance card before obligating themselves to costly payments on wares being peddled by house to house salesmen.

The Chamber of Commerce clearance card is issued only to local concerns representing legitimate projects, and before the card is issued the reputation and background of the organization is checked, and the company is required to register and file complete data regarding its project, which is held on file in the Chamber office for future inspection or information of any interested party.

The issuance of this yellow card is not an endorsement of the proposition submitted and the approval of the merchandise is left to the discretion of the persons solicited.

The home owner is warned again that itinerant merchants do not contribute to the welfare of the city as do the regular permanent merchants of Torrance who pay annual license fees to operate here. These Torrance merchants either have business license cards or Chamber of Commerce membership cards to identify themselves.

Almost daily the Better Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce receives calls from irate housewives or citizens who have found themselves taken in by a glib-talking salesman who obtained their signature and a contract obligation for merchandise of an unknown quality.

Therefore, the Chamber of Commerce repeats its slogan of: "If you don't know the merchant, know the merchandise. Investigate before you invest."

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dale Isenberg,
Exec. Sec., Chamber of Commerce.

OBJECTS TO DR. TRUEBLOOD

On March 7, 1954 a small and seemingly insignificant release (AP) appeared. It read "Dr. Trueblood, head of the philosophy department of Eralham College at Richmond, Indiana is to become chief of religious policy for the United States Information agency, officials said today."

This appointment raises serious questions: Does the creation of such an office, "chief of religious policy" set aside "principles of religious equality, toleration, and liberty, set forth in the constitution, Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence?"

Twelve clergymen from the American Council of Christian Churches who called in the office of the United States Information agency April 13 believe it does. They presented a petition and a brief objecting to its establishment.

In talking to the clergymen Dr. Trueblood announced, "I

pledge that I will be fair in dealing with your group." "The very fact that he is in a position to make such a statement," reported Dr. McIntire, editor of the Christian Beacon, "was the reason they were opposing the position."

The brief concluded: "If the United States Government is going to continue the business of propagandizing the world, she should report to the world the freedom and diversity, and the independence of religious groups and opinions within the United States and let it rest at that alone!"

And such does not require the council, advice, or philosophy of any religious expert. To attempt to blend and adjust religious opinions can only stir controversies.

We believe that such a position in the office of the United States Information agency is inimical to the cause of religious freedom and the best interests of the United States of America, and we therefore respectfully submit that it be discontinued. We do not have confidence in Dr. Trueblood for any such calling."

We too would like to see more personal religion and fewer experts.

(signed) Andrew Duty, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Park and Newton, WALTERIA

Local Teacher Wins Safety Merit Award

The First Annual National Safety Council Awards Luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 5, at the Los Angeles police academy, and was attended by many local public school representatives. Richard Taylor, sixth grade teacher at Halldale avenue school, accepted a national safety council merit award consisting of a gold loving cup and a certificate for outstanding achievement in accident prevention.

Mimura Arrives For Korean Duty

Pfc. Howard T. Mimura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kazunori Mimura, 24009 Madison street, WALTERIA, recently arrived in Taegu, Korea, for duty at Korean Communications Zone headquarters.

He is a clerk-typist in the chemical section at the headquarters, which coordinates services and supply operations for all UN forces in Korea. Mimura entered the Army in January 1953.

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